

Dearne South Ward Alliance

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne South Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	Monday 8th August 10am
Location:	Goldthorpe Library, Barnsley Road, Goldthorpe

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr May Noble (acting Chair), Alan George (treasurer), Suzanne Storey, Graham Jarvis, Marie Sinclair (note taker)	Cllr Ralph Sixsmith, Cllr Charlotte Johnson, Vicki Cumming, Alison Sykes

	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>1. Welcomes & introductions (Apologies – as above)</p> <p>Members of the Alliance asked the acting chair if Angie Kelly & Andy Cole are still part of the Alliance as no apologies or information has been given from them in the past few months, Marie will write to them both and ask if they still want to be part of the Ward Alliance, and if so need to commit and be present at meetings, Marie clarified she has emailed everyone in Dearne South Ward Alliance for their availability and Mondays came out the preferred day of the week for peoples availability.</p> <p>2. Minutes of last meeting & any matters arising that are not on the agenda</p> <p>Amendment on page one item 3. (Dearne South should read Dearne North) Amendment on page 3 (Alan gave update should read Graham to feedback).</p> <p>Alan George clarified the lock has been purchased for the container; keys are at his home and Area Team office.</p> <p>3. Financial update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dearne South Ward Alliance balance - £ 6609.00 <p><u>Applications submitted:</u></p> <p>Salvation Army Job Club - £2500.00 split 50/50 with Dearne North WA to purchase the necessary equipment to run a community led voluntary job club on Mondays & Fridays where local people can come and access free internet/job search & advice & guidance from the local volunteers that have had training and guidance through their individual sessions previously run by funded agencies. The agencies have now subsequently lost funding and no longer run however there is a strong need in the area for this to carry on, at the moment we are using borrowed laptops from external agencies that could be taken back at any time. The need is there and we hope by funding the equipment we can carry on running this for future years. The members attending are regular clients that are actively looking for work not only to help with their financial situation, build their confidence & self-esteem too; the club is increasing in numbers every month, where we have seen many of our residents coming together to help each other with volunteering opportunities to gain experience on hands too. – <i>Alison Sykes wasn't in attendance had no voting rights after submitting her application – all agreed to fund £1250.00</i></p> <p>Bulky Rubbish Scheme – scheme be continued £1000.00 split 50/50 between both wards. – <u>£500.00</u> all agreed to fund</p> <p>Dearne & District FC – application submitted for grass cutting to the new CISWO field throughout the season and secure the fencing around the site, after a lengthy discussion it was agreed to fund the fencing for £312.50 but not the cutting of the grass - to be split with Dearne North Ward Alliance – action: all agreed to fund repairs to fencing.</p> <p>Working Fund balance - £2845.85</p>	<p>Amend notes accordingly</p> <p>Leaflets to be produced and posted</p> <p>Phone call to DDFC to explain details</p>	<p>Marie</p> <p>Ann/Jayne McHugh</p> <p>Marie</p>

<p>4. Groups & any additional updates not on agenda</p> <p>Bodvag – event went really well, lots of families went as well as people from outside the area, for a first event everyone said how well it organised was and that they hope it's a regular event. Nice to see MP there. Suzanne commented on behalf of her staff team that they said feedback was brilliant. Twiggs also highlighted the fabulous work that Bodvag have done on the fields/park this should be commended to Parks and Elaine Downs team – A big well done! Graham wanted to thank everyone who helped on and before the day.</p> <p>Alan asked if anyone knew anything regarding the cheque for £100 to Carrfield as it hasn't been cashed yet, May said she would check with Charlotte on her return from holiday.</p> <p>The Flower beds in St Andrews Square haven't been worked or improved since spring, Marie to ask Ann to follow up. (action plan & contingency throughout summer) – May asked if Twiggs could assist in their current work plan.</p> <p>Alan asked what the latest on Renaissance centre garden was – short discussion took place. Twiggs to be asked if they can help if BODVAG can take ownership of bringing this piece of land back to life, this may be a spring job. Graham to take to their next meeting to see if they have the capacity.</p> <p>Be Well – Suzanne mentioned that the event from BODVAG on mansion fields was a huge success; her staff all gave really excellent feedback with many residents asking for a repeat in winter and summer. The Fit me classes will be starting soon, anyone over 16+ can attend – 8 weeks for a healthier lifestyle.</p> <p>They are currently asking for anyone to attend lock park for the Guinness book of records for the armchair aerobics, need 1000 people with chairs to come along – 10am Working with Company Shop, Salvation Army, Park Court, lots of activities to help the people in the Dearne achieve their healthy goals.</p> <p>The Cook & Eat sessions funded from the allotment had excellent feedback from the Salvation Army families who took part; Suzanne gave thanks to the Dearne allotment for their weekly produce. The families attending the weekly foodbanks had participated in a 8 week cook & eat session on eating on a budget, microwave, & slow cookers were used for energy efficiency. Shanks who gave funding to the whole project for the allotment came and presented the members with a microwave and slow cooker, Suzanne & Alison will ensure evaluation in a few months' time to see if they are still using the cooking method and healthier lives for their families</p>	<p>Email to Elaine downs team</p> <p>Discussion to Carrfield</p> <p>Chase up with Ann, Twiggs & schools</p> <p>BODVAG to be approached for help</p>	<p>Marie</p> <p>Cllr Noble to speak to Cllr Johnson</p> <p>Ann</p> <p>Graham</p>
<p>5. AOB</p> <p>The group were asked to think about joining the Ward Alliances (Dearne South & Dearne North) to become the Dearne Ward Alliance, individual monies would be still given to each ward, as would their own separate working funds. Many of the members said this was a great idea and bringing them together would be a positive move. Members were asked to think about it and bring their decision to the next where a ballot could take place if necessary. – A short discussion took place.</p> <p>The container needs to be moved around the corner; Graham & Alan are to see logistics of how & when if possible to complete this.</p> <p>Derek Bell to be asked to come to the next meeting to clarify the Flood plan situation and to ask for volunteers to be trained and take responsibility before, during and after any potential flood to Dearne south.</p> <p>Marie asked the members to think about individual projects that the Ward Alliance members could help with around Dearne South.</p> <p>6. Date & Time of next meeting – Monday 10th October 10am Goldthorpe Library.</p>	<p>Reminder before next meeting</p> <p>Email to invite to next mtg</p>	<p>Marie</p> <p>Marie</p>